



Department of
Toxic Substances
Control

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Department of
Toxic Substances
Control is to
provide the highest
level of safety, and
to protect public
health and the
environment from
toxic harm.*



State of California



California
Environmental
Protection Agency

Fact Sheet, November 2008

Renewal of Post-Closure Permit Proposed for Square D Company

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites you to review and comment on a draft Post-Closure Permit Renewal (Permit) for Square D Company (Square D) located at 1060 East Third Street in Beaumont. Square D Company was a copper sheet and foil manufacturer that ceased its operation in 1990. The 10-year renewal would allow the facility to continue the groundwater monitoring and maintenance activities.

The initial Post-Closure Permit for Square D was issued by DTSC on March 27, 1989. The facility is proposing some changes to this Permit.

The changes include:

- Modifying its boundary to the extent of the North Post-Closure Area,
- Reinforcing portion of the cap to allow the truck traffic at the North Post-Closure Area,
- Installing a permanent fence to restrict the site access, and
- Install an additional groundwater well.

In addition to the draft Permit, DTSC also proposes to issue a Notice of Exemption under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) which is available for review.



Public Comment Period

The 45-day public comment period for the Renewal of the draft Post-Closure Permit begins on **November 10** and ends on **December 24, 2008**. Copies of the draft Permit, CEQA Notice of Exemption, and supporting documents can be viewed at the information repositories listed on page 3 of this fact sheet. Written comments must be postmarked and emailed comments submitted by 5 pm by **December 24, 2008** to:

Ms. Chia-Rin Yen, DTSC Project Manager
9211 Oakdale Avenue
Chatsworth, California 91311
Email: Cyen@dtsc.ca.gov

A public meeting or hearing is not scheduled for this project; however, if you feel one is warranted you can request a meeting or hearing by contacting Ms. Kim Rhodes, Public Participation Specialist, toll-free at (866) 495-5651 or (916) 255-3651 or by email to Krhodes1@dtsc.ca.gov. In your request please indicate the reason(s) for the request and DTSC will evaluate if a meeting or hearing is warranted.



Facility History and Description

All permitted units were closed in accordance with a DTSC's approved Plan, dated May 20, 1988. Based on the results of the closure activities, DTSC concluded that post-closure activities are required for an area known as North Post-Closure Area. This area was capped with an asphalt pavement and a post-closure permit was issued to continue the long-term groundwater monitoring and cover integrity maintenance in 1998.

On December 22, 1999, Square D Company sold the majority of the facility, with the exception of the North Post-Closure Area, to Priority Company which currently leases the North Post-Closure Area for temporary storage of wooden pallets.

Why a Permit is Necessary

DTSC regulates the generation, storage, treatment and disposal of hazardous waste in California. A permit enables DTSC to effectively regulate the hazardous waste management activities at facilities. Permits are developed after DTSC's detailed technical review, and are intended to ensure that the facility operates in a manner that protects human health and the environment.

California Environmental Quality Act – Notice of Exemption

Under the California Environmental Quality Act, DTSC evaluates whether the proposed actions may have any significant impacts on human health and the environment. As part of this evaluation, DTSC has proposed a Notice of Exemption which concludes that renewal of this facility's Post-Closure Permit will not result in any impact to human health or the environment. The evaluation is available for review and comment, along with other supporting documents in the information repositories.

Enforcement History

DTSC inspects Square D on a regular basis to ensure they are in compliance with California laws, regulations, and the permit conditions. The following violations were observed in the last five years.

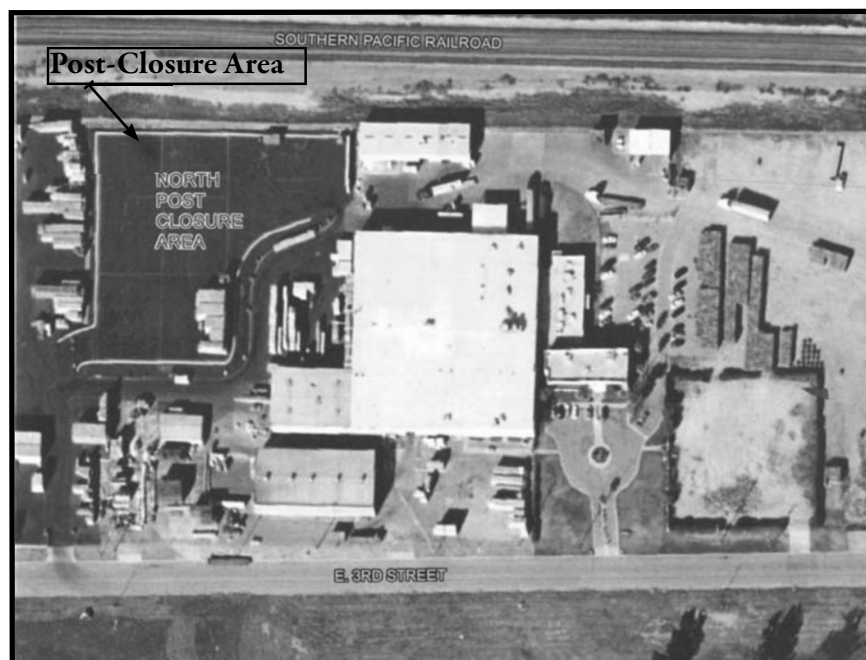
February 8, 2004: No violations were observed.

May 9, 2006: Failure to have a fence surrounding the North Post-Closure Area and cracks were observed on the capped area. *Violations were resolved through Consent Order HWCA-2006-1165 which was executed on February 16, 2007.*

April 26, 2007: Failure to repair the cap due to the observed cracks and gaps. *The violation was corrected after the inspection.*

April 15, 2008: Failure to repair the cap due to the observed cracks. *The violation was corrected after the inspection.*

Inspection reports are available for review at the DTSC's regional office located at 9211 Oakdale Avenue, Chatsworth, California 91311.



You can Participate in our Permitting Decisions

DTSC encourages public participation in the decision-making process and invites the public to review and comment on the draft Permit. Before making a final determination on the draft Permit, DTSC will review and respond in writing to all public comments received. A Response to Comments document will be sent to all those who either submitted public comments or requested a copy. A copy of the Response to Comments will also be placed in the information repositories.

Beaumont Library District

125 East Eighth Street
Beaumont, California 92223
Telephone: (951) 845-1357

Hours: Monday and Wednesday 10 am - 6 pm
Tuesday and Thursday 10 am - 8 pm
Friday and Saturday 10 am - 6 pm
Sunday - Closed

DTSC Regional Records Room

9211 Oakdale Avenue
Chatsworth, California 91311
Hours: Mon – Fri 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Please call for an appointment: (818) 717-6520

Notice to Hearing Impaired Individuals

TDD users can obtain additional information about the cleanup by calling the California State Relay Service at (1-888-877-5378) to reach DTSC Public Participation Specialist, Kim Rhodes at (916) 255-3651.

For More Information Contact

Please contact any of the following individuals with any questions or concerns you may have regarding the draft Permit:

For questions regarding the draft Permit and CEQA Notice of Exemption, please contact:

Ms. Chia-Rin Yen, DTSC Project Manager,
(818) 717-6681 or by e-mail to Cyen@dtsc.ca.gov

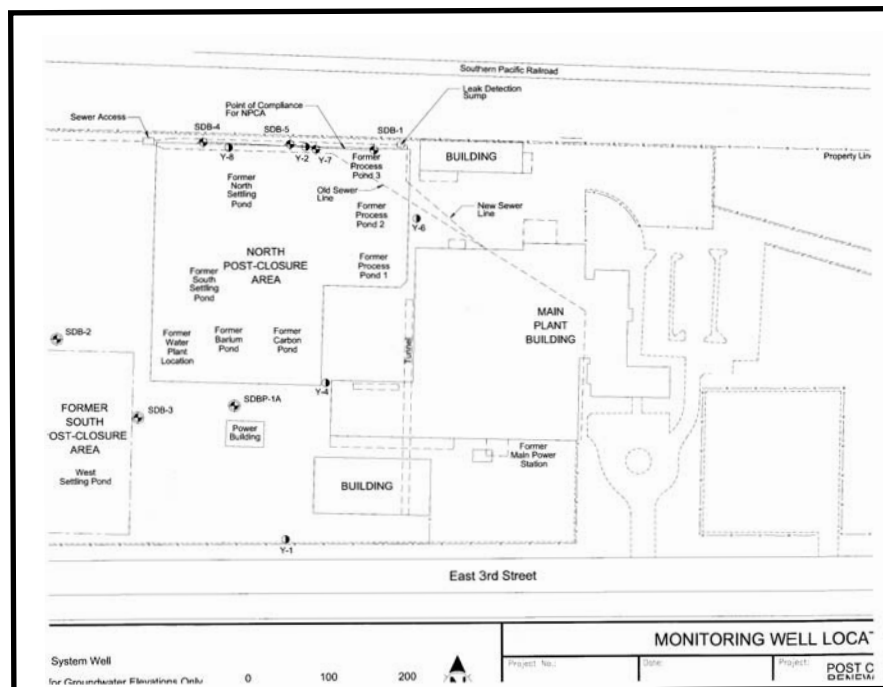
For questions regarding the public participation process, please contact:

Ms. Kim Rhodes, Public Participation Specialist,
Toll-free (866) 495-5651 or (916) 255-3651 or by e-mail to Krhodes1@dtsc.ca.gov.

For questions from the media, please contact:

Ms. Jeanne Garcia, DTSC Public Information Officer (818) 717-6573 or by e-mail to Jgarcia1@dtsc.ca.gov.

To view electronic versions of the draft Permit, draft Notice of Exemption and other related documents, please visit DTSC's EnviroStor website: <http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/>. Enter "Beaumont" as the City and select **Square D Company**. Click on the link "Report" to view electronic documents.



Comment Form for Square D Company, Draft Permit Renewal

If you use this form to send us your comments, please include your name and address. All written comments must be postmarked no later than **December 24, 2008**. Please send this form to:

Chia-Rin Yen, DTSC Project Manager

9211 Oakdale Avenue

Chatsworth, California 91311

You may also email this same information to: Cyen@dtsc.ca.gov

Name: _____

Address: _____

Affiliation (if any): _____

Phone number (optional): _____

Comments: (If you need more space, please feel free to use another sheet of paper)

Would you like to be added or removed from the Square D Company Facility Mailing list?

If you would like to be added or removed from the mailing list for the Square D Company Facility, please complete the information below and return to Ms. Kim Rhodes, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, CA 95826. You can e-mail your request to be added or removed from the mailing list to Krhodes1@dtsc.ca.gov.

☐ Please remove my name from the mailing list

☐ Please add my name to the mailing list

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Note: While this mailing list is solely for DTSC use, the list is considered a public record.